

December 11, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview of Mr. David Hughes

Sir:

On December 11, 1963, Lieutenant Jack Revill and Lieutenant F. I. Cornwall interviewed Mr. David Hughes of 2948 Binkley, Apartment 3, EM3-2851. Mr. Hughes is employed as a reporter by the Dallas Times Herald.

Mr. Hughes stated that he was at home on November 24, 1963, when Lee Harvey Oswald was shot by Jack Ruby; that he was viewing television and saw the shooting on television; that he immediately dressed and reported to the Times Herald City Desk for assignment. He was subsequently assigned to the City Hall and arrived there at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Mr. Hughes stated that he was instructed to interview both police officers and other persons to get their reactions to the shooting of Oswald.

Mr. Hughes stated that he interviewed Sergeant F. I. Dean and Patrolman R. E. Vaughn shortly after arriving at the City Hall. Mr. Hughes stated that Sergeant Dean was explicitly precise in what he said; that Sergeant Dean related that Jack Ruby came from the Main Street entrance ramp. Sgt. Dean did not state that he had observed Ruby come down the ramp.

A copy of Mr. Hughes original notes pertaining to the interview with Sergeant Dean are attached to this report.

Mr. Hughes stated that Patrolman Vaughn related that Ruby apparently gained access to the City Hall basement via the Main Street ramp. Mr. Vaughn stated that he did not see Ruby pass by his duty assignment.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jack Revill,
Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

F. I. Cornwall, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

Dallas police sergeant P. T. Dean was standing by the armored car which was to have taken Harvey Oswald to the county jail when he was shoot. Dean said he heard someone shout "they are bringing him out." "I focused my attention on the door where they were bringing him out. I didn't see the gun, but I heard the shot and saw the smoke from the gun. Police officers surrounding Oswald prevented me from seeing much else. Jack Ruby, Oswald's assassin, came from the north entrance (Main St. auto entrance) down the ramp. There were many pink police officers and press representatives in the area. Ruby jumped out from the crowd as Oswald passed and fired one shot point blank at Oswald. Following the shot I ran from the armored car to the spot of the shooting to assist in the arrest. When I got there officers had Ruby on the ground and were handcuffing him. I went then to Oswald. He was lying on the ground, unconscious and lower gasping for breath - a bullet hole in his left side. Officers removed Ruby and Oswald was put in an ambulance, still unconscious, and taken to Parkland hospital. (Oswald was taken to emergency room 2, next to the one Kennedy was in)

P.T. DEAN

Dallas police sergeant at the scene of shooting said, "When we arrested Ruby immediately after the shooting he related that he had been to Westen Union where he sent a money order to Ft. Worth. Dean said Ruby told police that the main reason he did it was out of sympathy for Jackie Kennedy and the dead police officer. Ruby said he didn't want Mrs. Kennedy to have to come back to Dallas to go through the ordeal of a trial. Ruby told police he had a gun because he often carried large sums of money with him at times.

Ruby said, "I just didn't want Jackie to be subjected to the trial.

I don't want to be a dead hero., but I didn't want her to have to go through the long due process of law, although I believe in it.

Dean said that he knew Ruby, but had no other comment on the acquaintance. "XXXXXXXX Ruby XXXXXXXXXXXX said of himself after his arrest that he was very sentimental. He had closed his business for the last three days. He also said he was not a political fanatic.

Patrolman R. E. Vaughn of the Dallas police department was standing the doorway of the north auto entrance to police headquarters. Jack Ruby, Harvey Oswald's assailant, apparently entered through this entrance and down the auto ramp according to police. Vaughn said he had been on duty at the entrance for two and a half hours prior to the shooting. He said no one was admitted but police officers and press representatives. Everyone who was admitted was required to show identification. Vaughn said that police paddy wagons were searched before they were allowed to enter the building. "I heard someone say here he comes and then the shot. I saw three police officers wrestling for the gun. Everyone in the building had been screened closely. There were officers on the elevators and at all entrances. Everyone, including police and press had to show identification. A man would have to be very foolish to do something like this," Vaughn said.